

**Regular Meeting  
Jasper Plan Commission  
October 1, 2008**

President Rick Gunselman called the Regular Meeting of the Jasper Plan Commission to order at 7:30 p.m. Secretary Butch Schitter took roll call as follows:

Rick Gunselman, Pres.	-Present	Patrick Lottes	-Present
Jim Schroeder, V.P.	-Present	Brad Schnarr	-Present
Butch Schitter, Sec.	-Present	Randy Mehringer	-Present
Tim Bell	-Present	Bob Wright	-Present
Bernita Berger	-Absent	Dave Seger, Bld. Comm.	-Present
Chad Hurm, Eng.	-Present	Sandy Hemmerlein, Atty.	-Present
David Hubster	-Present		

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Gunselman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Minutes of the September 3, 2008 Regular Meeting were reviewed. Secretary Butch Schitter made a motion to approve the minutes as mailed. Dave Hubster seconded it. Motion carried 10-0.

**STATEMENT**

President Gunselman read the following statement. "We are now ready to begin the public hearings scheduled for this evening. With respect to tonight's meeting and public hearings, we are hereby incorporating by reference into the record of tonight's meeting and public hearings, City of Jasper Ordinance Number 1993-17, entitled "Zoning Ordinance of the City of Jasper, Indiana and its jurisdictional area" and any and all amendments thereto. Audio and videotapes of these proceedings are also incorporated by reference into this evening's record."

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Request to vacate part of Patoka Zentrum II**

Surveyor Ken Brosmer was present on behalf of Bob Ruckriegel and Jim and Linda Ruhe requesting to vacate Lot 3 of Patoka Zentrum II, located on the west side South Newton Street. The proposed lot consists of 10 acres.

Lot 3 is currently shared by two owners. Future plans for the proposed lot are to divide it into two smaller lots, one to be owned by Bavaria, Inc. and the other by Ruhe Drainage & Excavating, Inc.

Discussion followed. Attorney Sandy Hemmerlein made a clarification that if a plat for any of the land contained in the current Lot 3 is presented, the Board needs to study the drainage issues again. At this time, the Board is not agreeing to do away with any improvements that have been bonded at this point, including the curb and gutter along Newton Street the entire distance of current Lot 3.

With no remonstrators present, Secretary Schitter made a motion to approve the vacation of Lot 3 of Patoka Zentrum II, with the clarification that the approval does not relieve

the owners of current Lot 3 of Patoka Zentrum II from installing curb and gutter along the entire said Lot 3 adjacent to Newton Street without further approval of the Plan Commission. Motion carried 10-0.

#### Ron and Connie Thewes Family Farm.

Surveyor Ken Brosmer was present on behalf of Ron and Connie Thewes to request permission for Connie's son, Charlie Swan, to build a home on the family farm. The property is located between Stewart and Division Road. Mr. Swan purchased an 8 acre parcel.

A letter was submitted by Ms. Thewes stating proof that the property is a working farm, which is being farmed by Jeff Stenftenagel. The property totals approximately 70 acres. Discussion followed. According to Mr. Brosmer, there are two separate deeds. The property is divided by a ditch. Mr. Brosmer said he would research the property to determine whether or not the property is considered one farm or two.

With no remonstrators present, Tim Bell made a motion to allow a second building permit on a family farm exception. Brad Schnarr seconded it. Motion carried 10-0.

#### Comprehensive Plan Update.

Mayor Bill Schmitt was present on behalf of the City of Jasper, along with Dave Prechtel, representing the Common Council, to present the Board with an update of the Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Schmitt said the Utility Service Board has agreed to pay a portion of the cost (up to \$50,000) to update the Comprehensive Plan. The Common Council has appropriated some money for the 2009 budget to also help with the completion of the Plan.

Mayor Schmitt said he is requesting that the sub committee move forward in seeking requests for proposals and start the interview process. The sub committee members include Rick Gunselman, Brad Schnarr, Tim Bell, Dave Prechtel, Butch Schitter, Kevin Manley and Bud Hauersperger.

After some discussion, Secretary Schitter made a motion in favor of updating the Comprehensive Plan. Brad Schnarr seconded it. Motion carried 10-0.

#### Seminar Registration Forms

Attorney Sandy Hemmerlein presented the Board with some information she received regarding a seminar to be held by Purdue Cooperative Extension Service on November 17, 2008 at Columbus City Hall. Attorney Hemmerlein said to contact her or Dave Seger if anyone is interested in attending the seminar.

With no further discussion, Vice President Jim Schroeder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Lottes seconded it. The motion carried 10-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Rick Gunselman, President

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A. "Butch" Schitter, Secretary

Kathy M. Pfister, Recording Secretary